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Jack hadn't expected Phoebe to make such a request.

Seeing the anticipation in her eyes, he hesitated before shaking his head. "My throat's been sore these past couple of days. I don't think I can sing."

Phoebe's eyes flickered with disappointment.

Ever since their duet that night by the river, where Jack had played the guitar, his voice had left a deep impression on her. She had been secretly hoping to hear him sing again. But knowing he wasn't feeling well, she didn't push him to do so.

Instead, she asked, "Jack, you play the guitar so well. Do you know Timeless Years?"

Timeless Years was a recently acclaimed instrumental piece.

Composed by a renowned maestro and his wife, the song blended piano and guitar into a tranquil, breathtaking melody. It evoked the peaceful nostalgia of a quiet afternoon, where lovers reminisced about their most cherished memories. The unique combination of the elegant piano with the humble guitar created an unexpectedly beautiful effect, making the song an instant classic.

Jack shook his head. He had never heard of it before.

A flicker of disappointment crossed Phoebe's face, though she understood.

After all, the piece had only recently gained attention, and not everyone had been exposed to it yet.

Last year, while studying abroad, Phoebe had been lucky enough to hear it performed live at the Golden Hall. She had fallen in love with it instantly, even taking the time to transcribe the sheet music and practice the piano part whenever she had the chance.

She had always dreamed of playing it as a duet with someone. But until now, that had remained just a dream.

To her surprise, Jack suddenly said, "I can learn it, though. Do you have the sheet music? Maybe I can pick it up."

In an instant, Phoebe's eyes lit up with excitement.

She almost thought he was joking. After all, this wasn't an easy song to master. How could he just learn it on the spot?

Still, she pulled a small, well-kept notebook from a drawer and handed it to him. Inside was her carefully transcribed version of Timeless Years.

Jack flipped through the pages, scanning the notes carefully. The melody in his mind started to take shape, and he couldn't help but admire the piece's intricate beauty.

Then, without hesitation, he reached for the guitar beside him and plucked a few strings.

A soft, flowing resonance filled the room.

Phoebe froze.

Even with just a few casual notes, Jack had already captured the song's soul.

Before she could fully process it, Jack looked up at her with a smile.

"This song is beautiful. Should we try playing it together?"

Phoebe's eyes widened. "You... You've already learned it?"

Jack nodded casually. "I think I've got it."

Her heart skipped a beat.

She suddenly recalled the way Jack had flawlessly memorized an entire speech after just a ten-second glance. And before that, the way he had shattered academic records back in high school.

Taking a deep breath, Phoebe sat down at the piano and adjusted her posture.

"Alright, Jack. Are you ready?"

Jack nodded. "Ready. Let's do this."

With a gentle press of her fingers, the piano's notes rang through the broadcast room, carrying the unmistakable melody of Timeless Years.

Jack followed seamlessly, his guitar blending into the tune like it had always belonged there.

They played in perfect harmony-sometimes alternating and sometimes merging their melodies into one. Their music flowed effortlessly, creating a breathtakingly moving performance.

The melody was both serene and full of emotion, soothing yet stirring as if it could transport anyone who listened to a peaceful, dreamlike moment in time.

Outside, passing students paused, mesmerized by the sound.

By the lakeside at Alnewgo University, couples nestled close to each other, basking in the soothing music that brought a sense of peaceful tranquility. At that moment, it felt as if the entire campus had entered a slower pace.

For a brief moment, it was as if time had slowed, and the entire campus was caught in the spell of their song.